

CONNECTICUT EMS ADVISORY BOARD
Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 0900 hours
Via teleconference
Approved March 24, 2021

Members Attendees: G. Allard, J. Beaulieu, L. Bolton, N. Brescia, W. Campion, M. Daniels, K. Ferrarotti, R. Guthrie, S. Johnson, J. Laucella, M. Loiz, K. McClaine, J. Oates, J. Paretzky, F. Potter, I. Smith, J. Quinlavin, W. Schietinger, D. Tompkins, R. Ziegler.

OEMS Staff: R. Coler, R. Kamin, K. Hickcox, M. Zacchera, J. Reynolds

Regional Presidents M. Blake, W. Fitzmaurice, M. Wilson, F, Rosa

Committee Chairs K. Ferrarotti (Health and Wellness), R. Kamin and K. McClaine (CEMSMAC), W. Fitzmaurice (CORP), J. Beaulieu (MIH), B. Morris (CMED), M. Loiz (Legislative), V. Barnes and Megan Petrucelli (EMS-C)

Guests S. Conley, K. Coupe, D. Dole, B. Litman, T. Schietinger, D. Smith, Kim Aroh, M. Osbourne, J. Way,

Board Chair: G. Allard

Meeting opened at 0907 hours.

TOPIC	ISSUE		
Moment of Silence	In memorial	Roger Tiberio, Trumbull EMS-40 years Alan Stoltz, Westport	
Minutes	Minutes of January 27, 2021	Edits done.	Motion to accept minutes of 1.27.21 with edits made by M. Blake and 2 nd R. Guthrie. Motion passed unanimously.
Public comment	None		
Chair's report	G. Allard	Reminder that Committee annual reports are due. Board goals for 2021 were reviewed and Legislative issues were added. Board Goals 2021 *IFT - update/establish statewide guidelines *MIH Program-allow programs to begin operation *Establish a guide to help with Regional Collaboration *Complete Regulation re-write project Begin review for next update *Health & Wellness - provide some deliverables to EMS providers *Data - get connected to DPH data and begin data mining	March 2021 meeting will be virtual.
		The Office of Health Strategy (OHS) is working on a Statewide Health IT Plan. Cedar Bridge	

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		consulting is interviewing a variety of EMS Service types and sizes. Referrals were done by the Chair.	
		EMS PRO Expo will be held October 27-30, 2021 At Foxwoods.	
DPH-OEMS, R. Coler	Written report submitted Feb. 2021	Discussion of written report. Regulations are at a standstill.	A thank you letter to Yolanda Williams for her services to the Board over the years. The Chair will send.
		State Compacts was discussed. HB6449 Bill will be watched.	
		Question regarding ET3 agreements regarding transports to alternate destinations. Discussion.	
	EMS-C V. Barnes	Introduced Megan Petrucelli who will be providing EMS-C plans and programs.	Please continue to fill out the EMS-C survey.
Breakout Session	Legislative bill review Materials sent out.	Review of bill tracking that may effect EMS. The list was narrowed down to PTSI, HMFA, Stretcher Van, Balance Billing and Tax abatements for volunteers.	

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Committee Reports	CEMSMAC R. Kamin, K. McClaine Minutes submitted for February 11, 2021	Review of minutes submitted. If any EMS providers need information on Covid vaccination, they can contact Dr Kamin for information and referral to an infectious disease physician.	Equipment lists may be presented for vote at the March Board meeting.
	Communications B. Morris minutes of January 13, 2021 submitted.	Discussion regarding a comprehensive Everbridge system across all regions was discussed.	
	Data J. Beaulieu	Heidi Fitzgerald helped with what is currently available. Efforts continue to identify performance materials.	Next meeting March 13, 2021 and the 3 rd Tuesdays monthly at 1500 hours. Invitation for others to join the Committee.
	CORP W. Fitzmaurice Annual report submitted	The 2021 awards will be given in the fall. Nomination applications will be out soon.	
	Regionalization J. Laucella	No report.	

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	Legislative, G. Allard for M. Loiz	Refer to Break out notes. Discussion regarding support for having Regional Coordinators as permanent OEMS Staff. General support from Board members.	A motion was made by J. Oates and 2 nd by W. Schietinger 1.The Board supports the legislative priorities as identified by the Legislative sub-committee. 1. The Board empowers Chairman Allard and Legislative Chair Loiz to take such action as necessary to advocate for those legislative priorities. Motion passed unanimously.
	MIH J. Beaulieu Minutes of Jan. 28, 2021 and 2020 annual report submitted.		
	Health & Wellness K. Ferrarotti, Jan 8th minutes submitted.	No verbal report.	
	Ed and Training L. Brockett Minutes of January 19 and February 16, 2021 submitted	Working on IFT.	

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	Trauma, S. Gregg	No report.	
New members	Welcome	Josh Beaulieu and Kevin Ferrarotti.	
New Business	Moment of Silence	Steve Johnson and his ministry has offered to send non-denominational sympathy cards to the families of those we recognize in our Moment of Silence at the beginning of Board meetings.	This suggestion was met with overwhelming support and thanks from the Board. S. Johnson will lead the Moment of Silence at each Board meeting.
Chief Oates	Legislative HB 5838	Regarding tax relief and/or education funds for the children of those that are lost.	Referred to Legislative committee.
Next Meeting	March 24, 2021	At 0900 hours. Via teleconference.	
Adjournment	At 10:37		

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